1 cases of backward districts ;ories A, B and C respectively.

The growth rates of industrial ..ion estimated in real terms e small scale sector during the ..ree years were as under:—

Year	Growth rate (%)
1984-85 . . .	12.0
1985-86 . . .	12.8
1986-87 . . .	13.2

Licence to aerated water company

1188. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any aerated water company has been given an import licence for raw material; and

(b) if so, the name of the company and the items being imported by it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

एल० पी० जी० उपभोक्ताओं को कूपनों का जारी किया जाना

1189. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तेल कम्पनियां कदाचारों को, जैसे घरेलू उपयोग के एल० पी० जी० सिलेंडरों की बिक्री में कालाबाजारी रोकने के लिए उपभोक्ताओं को कूपन जारी करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यह परिपाटी कब तक आरंभ कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) और (ख) तेल कम्पनियों का उनके द्वारा अपनी सूची में दर्ज एल० पी०जी० उपभोक्ताओं को शीघ्र ही चरणबद्ध रूप से घरेलू गैस उपभोक्ता कार्ड जारी करने का प्रस्ताव है। इस कार्ड से प्राधिकृत उपभोक्ताओं को एल० पी० जी० रिफिलों की डिलिवरी देने में सहायता मिलेगी।

Shortage of High Speed Diesel in the Country

1190. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of High Speed Diesel in the country at present, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to import HSD to meet the requirements of the Agricultural Sector of the country and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) While there is no general shortage of HSD in the country, sporadic reports of shortage at some locations due to IR problem, movement constraints etc. have been received and prompt action has been taken to rush supplies from alternative sources to such locations. The requirement of HSD in Andhra Pradesh has been met by and large in full, in spite of high off-take due to power cut imposed in the State and constraints mentioned above.

Since the country is not self-sufficient in HSD, this product is being imported during the current